UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO.24-20245-CR-MD

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

OMAR CABRERA HERNANDEZ,

Defendant.

PLEA AGREEMENT

The United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida ("this Office") and OMAR CABRERA HERNANDEZ (hereinafter referred to as the "defendant") enter into the following agreement:

- 1. The defendant agrees to plead guilty to Count 1 of an information or indictment which alleges Conspiracy to Offer and Pay Health Care Kickbacks, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371 and Title 42, United States Code, Section 1320a-7b(b)(2)(8).
- 2. The defendant is aware that the sentence will be imposed by the Court after considering the advisory Federal Sentencing Guidelines and Policy Statements (hereinafter "Sentencing Guidelines"). The defendant acknowledges and understands that the Court will compute an advisory sentence under the Sentencing Guidelines and that the applicable guidelines will be determined by the Court relying in part on the results of a pre-sentence investigation by the Court's probation office, which investigation will commence after the guilty plea has been entered. The defendant is also aware that, under certain circumstances, the Court may depart from the advisory sentencing guideline range that it has computed, and may raise or lower that advisory sentence under the Sentencing Guidelines. The defendant is further aware and understands that the Court is required

to consider the advisory guideline range determined under the Sentencing Guidelines, but is not bound to impose a sentence within that advisory range; the Court is permitted to tailor the ultimate sentence in light of other statutory concerns, and such sentence may be either more severe or less severe than the Sentencing Guidelines' advisory range. Knowing these facts, the defendant understands and acknowledges that the Court has the authority to impose any sentence within and up to the statutory maximum authorized by law for the offense identified in paragraph 1 and that the defendant may not withdraw the plea solely as a result of the sentence imposed.

- 3. The defendant also understands and acknowledges that, as to Count 1, the Court may impose a statutory maximum term of imprisonment of up to five (5) years' imprisonment. In addition to a term of imprisonment, the Court may also impose a period of supervised release of up to three (3) years to commence at the conclusion of the period of imprisonment, and the Court may impose a fine of up to \$250,000 and restitution.
- 4. The defendant further understands and acknowledges that, in addition to any sentence imposed under paragraph 3 of this agreement, a special assessment in the amount of \$100 will be imposed on the defendant. The defendant agrees that any special assessment imposed shall be paid at the time of sentencing.
- 5. This Office reserves the right to inform the Court and the probation office of all facts pertinent to the sentencing process, including all relevant information concerning the offenses committed, whether charged or not, as well as concerning the defendant and the defendant's background. Subject only to the express terms of any agreed-upon sentencing recommendations contained in this agreement, this Office further reserves the right to make any recommendation as to the quality and quantity of punishment.

- 6. This Office agrees that it will recommend at sentencing that the Court reduce by two levels the sentencing guideline level applicable to the defendant's offense, pursuant to Section 3E1.1(a) of the Sentencing Guidelines, based upon the defendant's recognition and affirmative and timely acceptance of personal responsibility. If at the time of sentencing the defendant's offense level is determined to be 16 or greater, this Office will file a motion requesting an additional one level decrease pursuant to Section 3E1.1(b) of the Sentencing Guidelines, stating that the defendant has assisted authorities in the investigation or prosecution of the defendant's own misconduct by timely notifying authorities of the defendant's intention to enter a plea of guilty, thereby permitting the government to avoid preparing for trial and permitting the government and the Court to allocate their resources efficiently. This Office, however, will not be required to make this motion if the defendant: (1) fails or refuses to make a full, accurate and complete disclosure to the probation office and the Court of the circumstances surrounding the relevant offense conduct; (2) is found to have misrepresented facts to the government prior to or after entering into this plea agreement; or (3) commits any misconduct after entering into this plea agreement, including but not limited to committing a state or federal offense, violating any term of release, or making false statements or misrepresentations to any governmental entity or official.
- 7. This Office and the defendant agree that, although not binding on the probation office or the Court, they will jointly recommend that the Court make the following findings as to the guideline calculations:
- a. <u>Base Offense Level:</u> The parties agree that the appropriate base offense level is eight (8) pursuant to Sentencing Guidelines §2B4.1(a).
- b. Loss Amount: The parties agree that the defendant's offense level shall be increased by twelve (12) levels, pursuant to Sentencing Guidelines §2B4.1(b)(1)(B) and §2B1.1(b)(1)(G)

because the value of the improper benefit to be conferred was greater than \$250,000 but did not exceed \$550,000. The parties agree that the value of the improper benefit conferred is \$400,597.

Additional Enhancements, Adjustments, and Variances: the parties remain free to argue for or against any other enhancements or adjustments as well as to argue for or against any variance under 18 U.S.C. § 3553.

- 8. The defendant is aware that the sentence has not yet been determined by the Court. The defendant also is aware that any estimate of the probable sentencing range or sentence that the defendant may receive, whether that estimate comes from the defendant's attorney, this Office, or the probation office, is a prediction, not a promise, and is not binding on this Office, the probation office or the Court. The defendant understands further that any recommendation that this Office makes to the Court as to sentencing, whether pursuant to this agreement or otherwise, is not binding on the Court and the Court may disregard the recommendation in its entirety. The defendant understands and acknowledges that the defendant may not withdraw her plea based upon the Court's decision not to accept a sentencing recommendation made by the defendant, this Office, or a recommendation made jointly by the defendant and this Office.
- 9. The defendant agrees that she shall cooperate fully with the Office by: (a) providing truthful and complete information and testimony, and producing documents, records and other evidence, when called upon by the Office, whether in interviews, before a grand jury, or at any trial or other Court proceeding; (b) appearing at such grand jury proceedings, hearings, trials, and other judicial proceedings, and at meetings, as may be required by the Office; and (c) if requested by the Office, working in an undercover role under the supervision of, and in compliance with the instructions of, law enforcement officers and agents. In addition, the defendant agrees that he will not protect any person or entity through false information or omission, that he will not falsely

implicate any person or entity, and that the defendant will not commit any further crimes. The Office reserves the right to evaluate the nature and extent of the defendant's cooperation and to make that cooperation, or lack thereof, known to the Court at the time of sentencing. If, in the sole and unreviewable judgment of the Office, the defendant's cooperation is of such quality and significance to the investigation or prosecution of any criminal matter as to warrant the Court's downward departure from the advisory range calculated under the Sentencing Guidelines, the Office may make a motion prior to sentencing pursuant to Section 5K1.1 of the Sentencing Guidelines, or subsequent to sentencing pursuant to Rule 35 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, informing the Court that the defendant has provided substantial assistance, and recommending that the defendant's sentence be reduced. The defendant understands and agrees, however, that nothing in this Agreement requires the Office to file any such motion, and that the Office's assessment of the quality and significance of the defendant's cooperation shall be binding as it relates to the appropriateness of the Office's filing or not filing a motion to reduce the defendant's sentence. The defendant understands and acknowledges that the Court is under no obligation to grant a motion for reduction of sentence filed by the Office, or to otherwise reduce the defendant's sentence on account of any cooperation by the defendant.

10. The defendant recognizes that pleading guilty may have consequences with respect to the defendant's immigration status, if the defendant is not a citizen of the United States. Under federal law, a broad range of crimes are removable offenses, and, in some cases, removal is presumptively mandatory. Removal and other immigration consequences are the subject of a separate proceeding, however, and the defendant understands that no one, including the defendant's attorney or the Court, can predict to a certainty the effect of the defendant's conviction on the defendant's immigration

status. The defendant nevertheless affirms the desire to plead guilty regardless of any immigration consequences that the plea may entail.

- 11. The defendant is aware that Title 18, United States Code, Section 3742 affords the defendant the right to appeal the conviction and sentence imposed in this case. Acknowledging this, in exchange for the undertakings made by this Office in this plea agreement, the defendant thereby waives all rights conferred by Section 3742 to appeal the conviction and any sentence imposed, including any restitution or forfeiture order, or to appeal the manner in which the sentence was imposed, unless the sentence exceeds the maximum permitted by statute. The defendant further understands that nothing in this agreement shall affect the government's right and/or duty to appeal as set forth in Title 18, United States Code, Section 3742(b). However, if the government appeals the defendant's sentence pursuant to Section 3742(b), the defendant shall be released from the above waiver of appellate rights. By signing this agreement, the defendant acknowledges that he has discussed the appeal waiver set forth in this agreement with his attorney. The defendant further agrees, together with this Office, to request that the district Court enter a specific finding that the defendant's waiver of his right to appeal the sentence to be imposed in this case was knowing and voluntary.
- 12. The defendant agrees, in an individual and any other capacity, to forfeit to the United States, voluntarily and immediately, any right, title, and interest to any all property, real and personal, that constitutes or is derived, directly or indirectly, from gross proceeds traceable to the commission of the violation to which the defendant pleads guilty pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(7). In addition, the defendant agrees to forfeiture of substitute property pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(p). The property subject to forfeiture includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. a forfeiture money judgment in the sum of \$ \$400,597 in U.S. currency, which sum represents the value of the property subject to forfeiture.

- 13. The defendant further agrees that forfeiture is independent of any assessment, fine, cost, restitution, or penalty that may be imposed by the Court. The defendant knowingly and voluntarily agrees to waive all constitutional, legal, and equitable defenses to the forfeiture, including excessive fines under the Eighth Amendment to the United States Constitution. In addition, the defendant agrees to waive: any applicable time limits for administrative or judicial forfeiture proceedings, the requirements of Fed. Rs. Crim. P. 32.2 and 43(a), and any appeal of the forfeiture.
- 14. The defendant also agrees to fully and truthfully disclose the existence, nature and location of all assets in which the defendant has or had any direct or indirect financial interest or control, and any assets involved in the offense of conviction. The defendant agrees to take all steps requested by the United States for the recovery and forfeiture of all assets identified by the United States as subject to forfeiture. This includes, but is not limited to, the timely delivery upon request of all necessary and appropriate documentation to deliver good and marketable title, consenting to all orders of forfeiture, and not contesting or impeding in any way with any criminal, civil or administrative forfeiture proceeding concerning the forfeiture.
- 15. In furtherance of the satisfaction of a forfeiture money judgment entered by the Court in this case, the defendant agrees to the following:
 - a. submit a financial statement to this Office upon request, within 14 calendar days from the request;
 - b. maintain any asset valued in excess of \$10,000, and not sell, hide, waste, encumber, destroy, or otherwise devalue such asset without prior approval of the United States;
 - c. provide information about any transfer of an asset valued in excess of \$10,000 since the commencement of the offense conduct in this case to date;

- d. cooperate fully in the investigation and the identification of assets, including liquidating assets, meeting with representatives of the United States, and providing any documentation requested; and
- e. notify, within 30 days, the Clerk of the Court for the Southern District of Florida and this Office of: (i) any change of name, residence, or mailing address, and (ii) any material change in economic circumstances.

The defendant further understands that providing false or incomplete information about assets, concealing assets, making materially false statements or representations, or making or using false writings or documents pertaining to assets, taking any action that would impede the forfeiture of assets, or failing to cooperate fully in the investigation and identification of assets may be used as a basis for: (i) separate prosecution, including, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001; or (ii) recommendation of a denial of a reduction for acceptance of responsibility pursuant to the United States Sentencing Guidelines § 3E1.1.

- 16. The defendant understands and acknowledges that the Court may order restitution for the full amount of the victims' losses pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3663. Defendant understands that the amount of restitution owed to the victim will be determined at or before sentencing unless the Court orders otherwise. This Office and the defendant stipulate and agree that the amount of restitution that the defendant shall pay to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is \$400,597 in United States currency.
- 17. The defendant confirms that the defendant is guilty of the offenses to which the defendant is pleading guilty; that the defendant's decision to plead guilty is the decision that the defendant has made; and that nobody has forced, threatened, or coerced the defendant into pleading guilty. The defendant affirms that the defendant has reviewed this agreement and enters into it

knowingly, voluntarily, and intelligently, and with the benefit of assistance by the defendant's attorney.

- 18. Should the defendant withdraw, or attempt to withdraw, from this plea agreement for any reason, the defendant understands and agrees that any statements made to the government, including any factual statement prepared for submission to the Court in connection with the defendant's guilty plea, will become admissible as evidence and may be introduced affirmatively by the United States against the defendant in any criminal proceeding which may then be in effect or which may at any future time be initiated by the United States.
- 19. This is the entire agreement and understanding between this Office and the defendant.

 There are no other agreements, promises, representations, or understandings.

MARKENZY LAPOINTE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

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BY:

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DEFENDANT